

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-10-02**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 2, 2000
Business Meeting: October 2, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. BTU Monitoring – Discussion/Action to Renew Contract for 2000/2001 Heating Season (10/03/00)
2. L-00.9.6-RUL – PSC Annual Update to Pipeline Safety Rules – Approval of annual update of pipeline safety rules (10/03/00)
3. Ronan Telephone – Annual Report 1999 – Direction (10/03/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications N2000.9.155 (Leroy)

On September 11, 2000, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 00-35 "UAS/DSS Promotion" to introduce a limited time promotional

offering for Digital Switched Services (DSS) and Uniform Access Solutions (UAS). For the promotional period from October 2, 2000 through December 29, 2000, customers subscribing to DSS or UAS will receive a waiver of the non recurring DSS or UAS DS1 or DSS trunk or US Network Connection charges and a waiver of 1 or 2 months recurring charge when entering into a 3 or 5 year rate stability agreement. The waiver is available on services ordered during the promotional period and installed prior to April 1, 2001. The promotion is available where technically feasible and where facilities are available.

2. Citizens Communications N2000.9.156 (Leroy)

On September 14, 2000, Citizens Communications filed Advice Letter No. MT-00-07 to make a rate adjustment to Federal Lifeline Credit in conjunction with an increase in Subscriber Line Charge (SLC) pursuant to FCC Calls Order 00-193, increasing the amount from \$7.00 to \$7.85. The credit became effective on July 1, 2000. Also included are the fiscal year rate changes for the Consumer Counsel fee and the Public Service Commission Fee, changing to 0.08% and 0.28%, respectfully. These rates become effective October 1, 2000.

3. AT&T Communications N2000.9.161 (Leroy)

On September 20, 2000, AT&T Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 2000-17 restructuring AT&T Switched Digital Services for 56/64, 384 and 1.536 kbps by designating Dedicated to Dedicated, Switched to Dedicated or Switched to Switched provisioning. AT&T is asking for this to become effective October 2, 2000.

4. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS DOCKET NO. N2000.9.153 (Eric)

On September 11, 2000, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-33 "Revisions to Residential CustomChoice and ValueChoice Packages." The filing will grandfather the current offerings of CustomChoice, CustomChoice on additional lines and ValueChoice package offerings. All current customers can continue to have the current offering. The packages, for new customers, will be replaced by enhanced packages.

The enhanced CustomChoice packages contain the same features as the original CustomChoice packages as well as Do Not Disturb, a Nonlisted Service Listing and Talking Call Waiting. These packages include an individual or additional flat rated residential line. The package will have a price of \$32.95 for the first line and \$29.95 for the features associated with an additional line.

The enhanced ValueChoice package will contain Anonymous Call Rejection, Call Waiting, Continuous Redial, Last Call Return and Three-Way Calling as standard features. The customer may choose from a list of optional features. The package will include an individual or additional flat rated residential line and the package will have a price of \$26.95.

5. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS DOCKET NO. N2000.9.154 (Eric)

On September 11, 2000, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 00-34 "Business CustomChoice Revisions." The current Business CustomChoice package is being grandfathered. Current customers can continue to subscribe to this package. New customers will have an enhanced package available. The enhanced Business CustomChoice package contains the same features as the current offering plus Do Not Disturb, Remote Access Forwarding and Scheduled Forwarding. The package includes an individual or additional flat rated business line and the package price is \$54.95.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Furst Group, Inc and Zone Telecom, Inc, Docket No. N2000.8.128 (Scott)

On August 17, 2000, Furst Group, Inc (TFG) and Zone Telecom, Inc., filed a joint application for approval of the assignment of select assets and

waiver of ARM 38.5.3801 and 38.5.3801, the Customer Authorization rule. Zone seeks approval to acquire certain assets of TFG used in the connection with the provision of resold retail and wholesale interLATA long distance. The customers associated with these service also will be assigned to Zone. Zone is registered to provide facilities-based and resold long-distance service and is authorized to continue serving TGF's customers.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-10-10

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2000.9.162 – Black Hills Power & Light – Fuel Rate Rider